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PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

According to the records here in the DFM office, the Protestant missionaries still remaining in China are the following (those in prison marked *, under house arrest#):

22 Americans: Pres. USA 7: Dr. and Mrs. N. Bercovitz#, Dr. Esther Morse# and Miss Caroline McCreery# in Hoihow, Hainan; Dr. and Mrs. Homer V. Bradshaw* and Miss Sarah Perkins*, presumably Canton. Methodist - Rev. Olin Stockwell* Chungking (reported in September as about to be deported, but no further word). American Bible Society - Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Mortenson, Shanghai. United Lutheran - Rev. Paul Mackinsen*, Tsingtao. American Baptist 4, all in Swatow: Dr. E. H. Giedt#, Rev. Loren E. Noren#, Misses Abbie Sanderson# and Louise Giffin#. CIM - Mrs. R. A. Matthews. Conservative Baptist - Rev. Levi A. Lovegren*, Yaan. Independent - Miss Dorothy Middleton* and Miss Laura Lau*, Lienhsien; Rev. W. L. Winter*, Lienhsien; Dr. William Kelly (formerly Presbyterian), Peking. Miss Vella Wilcox, Yeungkong, Kwangtung, retired Pres. USA.

One British: Mr. A. E. Preedy, Tsinghai CIM.

One Australian: Rev. R. A. Matthews, Lanchow, CIM.

Five German: Mr. and Mrs. O. Hollenweger, and Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Witt, all of Hungkiang, Hunan, Liebenzeller Mission; Miss Marie Wagner, Tsining, Shantung, (retired missionary of Am. Pres. USA).

One Dane, name not given, a woman who has taken Chinese citizenship.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY REORGANIZATION

"The Theological Education Department of the East China Conference" of the Three Self Movement has united the ten former denominational seminaries of East China in one school, in which, according to H. H. Ts'ui, their former denominational concern, as well as their thinking in Modernist or Fundamentalist terms, has been completely blotted out. The new school will be called Nanking Union Theological Seminary (Chin Ling Hsieh Ho Shen Hsueh Yuan), and will be located at 13 Ta Chien Yin, Nanking. The old address of the Bible Teachers Training School was 15 Chien Yin Hsiang, so this is probably the same address. The ten uniting schools are not named, but probably include Nanking Theological Seminary, Bible Teachers Training School, the North China Theological Seminary of Wusih, the Central Theological Seminary (Episcopal) of Shanghai, the Baptist Theological Seminary of Shanghai, Cheeloo School of Theology, and four schools of lower or Bible School grade. Liu Liang-mo says that the new school "will prepare Cadres (kan pu) for the Three Self Reform Movement and pastors for the Three Self Reform Church." It was scheduled to open on October 1. Nothing was said about administration or faculty personnel.

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Yenching School of Religion can no longer continue on the Yenching campus, as that is all being taken over for the reorganized University, but it has announced that it will open work somewhere inside the West City Gate at Peking. President Newton Chiang, in the opening announcement, states that "students desiring to enter the Seminary must be Christians who love their country and love the church, and are ready to offer themselves for the Three Self Reform Church, and who will enter with determination into the studies in preparation for service in the New Church of China." As to curriculum, "The courses in the Seminary will specialize in Political Studies, Change of Thinking, the Examination of Practical Matters of the Three Self Reform Church, Bible, Principles of Education, Pastoral Education, Church History, and fresh study of related subjects and ideas. In teaching, the theoretical and practical sides of all subjects will be dealt with, and there will be group teaching and forum discussions." There is a one year course for college graduates, and a one year refresher course for church workers. The date of opening was set for October 4, and the address given merely as West City Post Office. "It was hoped that quarters would be obtained within the city before opening time."

The Chungking Theological Seminary announces its reorganized opening for September 24. Three different courses of three years each are offered, and a special one year course.

THE JESUS FAMILY (IEH-SU CHIA-T'ING)

The Jesus Family is an indigenous sect in China, of comparatively recent origin. The founder was Ching Tien-ying, who lives in Ma Chuang, Shantung. Those who enter the Family turn over all their property to the Family, and it is administered on a common basis through the leader as a benevolent patriarch or dictator. New communities patterned after the Ma Chuang community sprang up in different parts of China, with leaders appointed by Ching Tien-ying. Morale and ethical discipline within the groups were excellent. In the early days of "liberation" it was reported that the Communists looked upon the Family as really embodying Communist principles. But now Ching Tien-ying has been condemned as a "feudalistic oppressor" and deposed. Evidently the communal association has been dissolved, as Y. T. Wu says, "The Jesus Family Group of Ma Chuang, Shantung, due to the awakening of the people, is finished. By their own wishes, the people have established a Ma Chuang Church." (that is, changed to a conventional church organization?)

MISSIONARY NEWS

A delayed report on the death of two Baptist missionaries has just come in, Rev. A. F. Ufford, formerly in Shaohing, on July 14, and Mrs. E. S. Burket, formerly in Swatow, on July 6.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver, formerly YMCA Hangchow, have returned to the States from Cairo, Egypt, and will be in charge of a Methodist Center for retired missionaries and ministers at Claremont, Calif.

Leonard M. Outerbridge, an American Board missionary from Shansi, has written a book on The Lost Churches of China (Westminster Press $3.50). Latourette, in the New York Times for Nov. 2, criticizes its thesis that our weakness has been a failure to appreciate China's religious heritage.

Father Mark Tennien, a Maryknoll Father, also has a new book reviewed in the same article, No Secret is Safe (Farrar, Strauss, and Young $3.50). Latourette calls it "an important contribution to our knowledge of certain stages in the Communist revolution." It is of interest to note that he pays a specially high tribute to Dr. William Wallace, the Southern Baptist missionary who died in prison under suspicious circumstances.

It is confirmed that John R. McGehee arrived in Hongkong on Oct. 3, as surmised in Bulletin 14, but that Arnold Clark did not. With Mr. Hayes and Mr. McGehee was Mr. Rolland Sjodin, of the Churches of Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Barr (Shanghai LMS) arrived in Hongkong on Nov. 2. That means that only the Ralph Mortensons (American Bible Society) are left of the missionary community in Shanghai.

CHURCH NEWS

At the second anniversary of the Three Self Reform Movement on September 23 (See previous Bulletin), Y. T. Wu reported that the Christian Literature Society, the Baptist Book Store, and the United Youth Book Store had been closed down, and would reopen soon as a united organization. Liu Liang-mo also reported that 338,552 signatures

had been secured to the Manifesto issued two years before, and that the church during these two years had contributed ¥2,708,639,552. for the purchase of fighter planes.

Tien Feng is now called the official organ of the Three Self Reform Movement. Its headquarters have been removed from 128 Museum (Hu Chiu) Road to 79 South Soochow Road. Miss Yin Hsing has been added to the staff as assistant editor.

The new periodical in Hankow, The New Church (See Bulletin 12), has had a change of editors. Editor Ch'en Chien-hsun, former editor of the Hsin Yi Pao, founded the new magazine and continued as its editor until October 1. It is now announced that he has been called away "on official business", and will be gone "for an indefinite period." Prof. Hsieh Shou-ling, formerly professor of Church History in Nanking Theological Seminary, and also in the Lutheran Seminary at Shekow, is the new editor.

Dr. Sigurd Ch'en (Ch'en Sih-kong), brother of the late Stephen Ch'en, who was fatally burned in a cleaning fluid explosion in Brooklyn last summer, has written a letter of appreciation to the committee of friends who handled all the arrangements for Stephen here. A memorial service for Stephen was held on August 3 in St. Peter's Church, Shanghai. Sigurd says, "Dr. R. Y. Lo sent his regrets at being unable to attend, as he was sick in bed for a few days. Former President Y. G. Chen (Univ. of Nanking) was so kind in wanting to come, though he is living a quiet private life in Shanghai." I judge that last sentence to mean that Y. G. wanted to come to the funeral, but that the provisions of his house arrest made it impossible.

In Tien Feng for Sept. 27, President Newton Chiang of Yenching Theological Seminary makes five points congratulating the church on its second anniversary. In Point 3 he says, "Following the Christian Conference in Peking in April 1951, all the denominational groups of China have united and become one church under the banner of national patriotism. This is an unprecedented event."

The occasional reopening of a country church which had been closed for the period of land distribution has been noted in these columns, leaving open the question as to whether these were typical or exceptional instances. Now a correspondent in Hongkong states, "In East China it is believed that the majority have now reopened."

Dr. Frank Price reports that the news in Shanghai is quite definite that Bishop W. Y. Chen died in prison in Chungking. However, recent news from members of his family indicate that he is living under house arrest in Chungking, so that in view of disproved rumors in the past this statement from Shanghai should perhaps not be taken as final.

The Three Self Committee, of which Y. T. Wu is chairman, officially represents the church in all government relationships. Missionaries on leaving the country have to take their final financial accounts with a representative of this Committee. The NCC has practically ceased to exist except to act as custodian of the Missions Building.

Fifteen churches in Shanghai recently held a week of evangelistic meetings, with good results. It is reported that Pentecostal type churches are doing well. Evangelist Wang Ming-tao is maintaining a large congregation in Peking.

A Shanghai report states: "Where pastors tried to blend a good deal of politics with their preaching, congregations tend to drop off. There are indications that this tendency is known to the authorities, and recently it is learned that pastors were advised not to make their sermons "half religion and half politics." Political references if made should be made in a natural manner."

Hospital news: Hackett Hospital, Canton, is continuing its work, though several of its staff were under fire in the Three and Five Anti Movement. PUMC, Peking, is now used for foreign official personnel. Another mission hospital in Peking (the Methodist?) has been made the Central Municipal Hospital with 500 beds.

SCHOOL NEWS

Chung Chi College began its second year of work in Hongkong in September with an enrollment of 235. 165 freshmen were admitted out of over 300 who took the entrance examinations. The other 70 are in the sophomore class. The reorganized Board of Directors is a Board of fifteen, all Christians, and including the following missionaries and others well known to China workers: S. R. Anderson (Meth.), E. E. Walline (Pres. USA), Bishop Hall (Anglican), Frank Short (LMS), S. C. Leung (YMCA), F. S. Drake (Brit. Baptist, now in Hongkong Univ.), and David W. K. Au (Butterfield and Swire). Bishop Hall gives a course "Philosophy of Life", which is required of all freshmen.